# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:3
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2000
CROPS DAMAGED IN DROUGHT HIT STATES
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware that famine situation is looming large over Rajasthan and several other States;

(b) if so, whether any team of the Union Government has visited/propose to visit the most famine affected States to assess the losses;

(c) if so, the extent of damage suffered by crops in the drought hit areas of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Karnataka, Gujarat, Rajasthan and other States;

(d) the areas hit by drought during the last three years and as on date, year- wise and State-wise; and

(e) the details of Central relief/financial assistance sught by each drought hit State and the relief given to them for the rehabilitation of affected people during the said period, State-wise?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.3 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20T NOVEMBER, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): There is no situation of famine. However, parts of the States of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Orissa are likely to face drought of varying magnitude due to deficient rainfall during South-West Monsoon 2000.

(b): A Central Team has been deputed to the States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. It has been decided to send Central Teams to Orissa and Rajasthan. A team will be sent to Gujarat after the receipt of the memorandum from the State Government.

(c): The extent of current Kharif crop loss in the drought affected States is as under:-

In lakh tonnes
Production Loss

| States | Foodgrains | Oilseeds |
|---|---|---|
| Rajasthan | -12.10 | -2.04 |
| Gujarat | -14.30 | -12.84 |
| Madhya Pradesh/Chhattisgarh | -7.22 | -9.73 |
| Orissa | -0.26 | -0.02 |

In the current spell, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka are not expected to have drought like situation.

(d)&(e): The details of States which experienced drought of varying magnitude during the last three years and the releases of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), assistance sought from National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) and releases thereof to these Stats are indicated in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE
LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.3 FOR ANSWER ON 20-11-2000 REGARDING CROPS DAMAGED IN DROUGHT I STATES.

(Rs. in crore)

| S.No. | State | Calamity Relief Fund (Central share) | National Fund for Calamity Relief Demanded | Releases |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1997-1998 | | | |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 98.29 | 813.33 | 30.00 |
| 2. | Karnataka | 33.12 | 326.00 | 22.00 |
| | 1998-1999 | | | |
| 1. | Kerala | 46.08 | 537.50 | NIL+ |
| 2. | Madhya Pradesh | 42.49 | 251.34 | NIL+ |
| 3. | Orissa | 40.77 | 445.59 | NIL+ |
| 4. | Rajasthan | 148.92 | 959.62 | 21.98 |
| | 1999-2000 | | | |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 107.69 | 720.36 | 75.36 |
| 2. | Gujarat | 121.05 | 722.16 | 54.58 |
| 3. | Himachal Pradesh | 23.37 | 259.42 | NIL+ |
| 4. | Jammu & Kashmir | 17.09 | 214.47 | 73.42 |
| 5. | Karnataka | 36.29 | 249.95 | 17.09 |
| 6. | Madhya Pradesh | 44.29 | 361.61 | NIL+ |
| 7 | Manipur | 1.61 | 24.00 | 4.93 |
| 8. | Mizoram | 1.10 | 35.08 | 6.00 |
| 9. | Rajasthan | 155.25 | 1144.40 | 102.93 |
| 10. | Tripura | 3.90 | 108.95 | 5.34 |
| 11. | West Bengal | 44.50 | NIL | NIL+ |

+ No funds were released as the drought was not considered of rare severity and did not qualify for assistance under NFCR.